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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, RH, ZA
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE FRG AID TO THE POPULAR FRONT

REF: LUSAKA 0906

1. DURING HER MUCH-PUBLICIZED TRIP THROUGH ZAMBIA,
BOTSWANA AND KENYA (DETAILS REPORTED SEPTTEL), FRG

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION, MARIA SCHLEI, MET FOR
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THREE HOURS (APRIL 1) WITH JOSHUA NKOMO IN LUSAKA. SHE
AND NKOMO DID DISCUSS THE POSSIBILITY OF FRG ASSIS-
TANCE TO THE POPULAR FRONT.

2. ACCORDING TO THE FOREIGN OFFICE, SCHLEI
TOLD NKOMO THAT THE FRG WOULD BE PREPARED TO STUDY
AN APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE FROM ZAPU ON BEHALF OF THE

POPULAR FRONT. SHE SAID ANY REQUEST, LISTING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS, SHOULD BE FORWARDED THROUGH THE FRG EMBASSY IN LUSAKA FOR CONSIDERATION. (AS OF APRIL 13, NO LIST HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE.) DISCUSSIONS WITH MUELLER (FOREIGN OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA) REFERRED TO IU REFTTEL FOLLOWED A SIMILAR LINE WITH NO COMMITMENT BEING MADE.

3. IN THE PAST, THE FRG HAS AVOIDED SHOWING ANY PARTIALITY AMONG NATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS. (A REQUEST FOR NON-MILITARY AID FROM SITHOLE WAS DISCOURAGED RECENTLY ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE FRG WOULD NOT CHOOSE SIDES.)

THUS FAR, GERMAN AID HAS BEEN FUNNELED TO REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS: DM 300,000 TO THE UNHCR TO BE USED IN MOZAMBIQUE AND DM 100,000 DIRECTLY TO BOTSWANA TO HELP COMPENSATE FOR COSTS OF REFUGEES FLOCKING THERE. DURING HER TRIP, SCHLEI REPORTEDLY DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING UP TO DM 500,000 FOR REFUGEE-RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROJECTS IN BOTSWANA.

4. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, SCHLEI'S PROPOSALS HAVE NOT YET BEEN REVIEWED BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT OR THE CABINET. FULL CONSIDERATION WILL MOST LIKELY BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE REQUEST IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED. REPORTEDLY, SCHLEI HAS USED THE ARGUMENT THAT AID TO THE POPULAR FRONT WOULD REFLECT FRG SUPPORT OF AN AFRICAN SOLUTION, SINCE THE POPULAR FRONT IS RECOGNIZED BY THE OAU AS THE AGENT OF CHANGE IN
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